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In re Application of:)
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Application No.: 10/806,449) Group Art Unit: 2609
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Filed: March 23, 2004) Examiner: Emmanuel Hailemariam
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For: DISPLAY PANEL DRIVING METHOD)

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Sir:

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF EXAMINER INTERVIEW

In response to the Interview Summary form dated January 8, 2008, which sets a period for response to which runs through February 8, 2008 for filing a Statement of the Substance of Examiner Interview (hereinafter "Statement"), the following Statement is hereby submitted.

After studying the Examiner's statements in the Advisory Action dated December 5, 2007 in this application, Applicants' undersigned representative noticed some inconsistencies between the discussion that had taken place between Applicants' undersigned representative and Supervisory Patent Examiner Amare Mengistu in a previous telephone interview on November 1, 2007, as described in detail in the Amendment filed on November 14, 2007, in this application.

In particular, the Examiner's comments in the December 5, 2007 Advisory Action were surprising to Applicants' undersigned representative because the Examiner's comments were not consistent with agreements that were reached during the November 1, 2007 Examiner Interview.

Accordingly, as it appeared to Applicants' undersigned representative that there was some possibly type of mistake or misunderstanding that had occurred at the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") with regard to the issuance of the Advisory Action dated December 5, 2007, Applicants' undersigned representative placed a telephone call on December 18, 2007 to Examiner Mengistu to inquire as to why the Advisory Action did not appear consistent with the agreements reached during the Examiner Interview on November 1, 2007.

Examiner Mengistu immediately remembered the facts of this case upon receiving the call from Applicants' undersigned representative on December 18, 2007 and the Examiner mentioned that the reason why the Advisory Action raised the "new matter" issues was that the Examiner did not see where any amendments were made to the specification in the Amendment that was filed on November 14, 2007.

In response, Applicants' undersigned representative explained that Applicants had proceeded exactly as agreed upon with the Examiner during the interview on November 1, 2007 by amending the specification to include the features of the independent claims, as amended on May 25, 2007. Applicants' undersigned representative noted that these amendments to the specification were included at pages 2-3 of the Amendment filed on November 14, 2007 in this application. The Examiner indicated that he had not noticed that such amendments to the specification were filed, and he noted that he would review this situation and get back to us shortly in this regard.

Accordingly, Applicants' undersigned representative conducted a follow-up telephone discussion later in the day with Examiner Mengistu after he had reviewed the file. During this follow-up telephone discussion, Examiner Mengistu indicated that he had located the portion of the Amendment filed on November 14, 2007 that added two new paragraphs to the specification.

As a result, the Examiner indicated that he would withdraw the outstanding Final Office Action in this case and shortly issue a new Office Action. The Examiner noted that he would issue an Examiner Interview Summary Form shortly indicating such to us.

Accordingly, an Interview Summary Form was mailed on January 8, 2008 in this regard. While the Interview Summary form indicates at page 1 that the "Date of Interview" is "12/20/07," Applicants understand that this is a typographical error intended to instead refer to the telephone discussion held between Applicants' undersigned representative and Examiner Mengistu on December 18, 2007. Finally, Applicants' understand that the indication also at page 1 of the Interview Summary form that the "supplemental spec. will be entered" means that the entire "Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116" document filed on November 14, 2007 will be entered. This Amendment document filed on November 14, 2007 includes amendments to the specification, as set forth at pages 2 and 3 of the Amendment document, and as discussed previously, as well as detailed remarks. To the extent that any of Applicants' understandings, as set forth above, are incorrect, clarification is respectfully requested to be provided by the Examiner in the next Office Communication.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed with Examiner Mengistu in the November 1, 2007 telephone interview, as summarized in the Amendment document filed on November 14, 2007 in this application.

If there are any outstanding issues in any regard, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative at 202-842-8812 to advance the prosecution of this application.

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0573.

This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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